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BOYCOTT SIEMENS: STOP THE FLOW

LEARNING AND TEACHING GUIDE

WHAT IS DIVESTMENT?

BDS stands for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions.

To divest is to break financial ties; cutting contracts, selling assets, and refusing to undertake new contracts with companies that financially support Israel - particularly those that actively participate in Israel's apartheid regime and continued human rights violations - are all actions that are taken to disinvest.

SUNY New Paltz is currently contracted with Siemens AG, the largest industrial manufacturer in Europe, and a major collaborator of the genocidal apartheid Israeli regime. SUNY New Paltz MUST divest. Public institutions run on the public's money; we cannot let them use it to commit genocide.

SIEMENS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Siemens is an engineering and manufacturing firm responsible for the production of oil pipelines, railroads, trains, and traffic and security systems.

Israeli prison systems: A Siemens subsidiary called the Orad group provides equipment, services, and technology to the Israeli prison system. Notably, Siemens security devices operate the Gilboa prison, which was built to incarcerate Palestinian political prisoners.

Transportation through the settlements: Siemens as a whole builds railroads & trains and supplies equipment the Israeli government uses to run railroads through illegal settlements in the West Bank. The construction of the A1 railroad by Siemens is in violation of international humanitarian law.

Oil and gas: Siemens has also been contracted to build the Great Sea Interconnector, a sub-marine power cable that would connect the power grid of Cyprus to those of both Crete and Israel. This would supply energy to the settlements, and to the ongoing apartheid.

WHAT BUSINESS DOES SUNY NEW PALTZ HAVE WITH SIEMENS?

SUNY New Paltz is contracted to do nearly $1M of business with Siemens before 2025. We have concrete information identifying SUNY New Paltz as being complicit in the genocide through its business with Siemens. SUNY New Paltz's money is OUR money.

1) Contract C991285

This is a contract for the purchase and installation of an APOGEE system. Put simply, it is a computer system that monitors and operates building functions such as temperature control and lighting. The contract spans from 01/2022-12/2025 and is valued at $486,021. To date, New Paltz has spent $364,515.00 on this contract.

2) Contract OC42022

This is a statewide contract for the purchase of security devices including badge swiping software, anti-burglary systems, and camera systems. The contract spans from 01/2024-12/2024. The contract is valued at $365,953. As of 3/5/2024, New Paltz has spent $0 on purchases.

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Open Book New York
Office of the State Comptroller
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Contract Transactions

Vendor Name: SIEMENS INDUSTRY INC
Agency Name: State University of New York
Department/Facility Name: College at New Paltz
Contract Number: C991285
Current Contract Amount: $486,021.00
Spending to Date: $364,515.00
Contract Type: Service - Building Services

Contract Information

Transaction Type	Transaction Amount	Start Date	End Date	Description	Transaction Approved/Filed Date
Original Contract	$486,021.00	03/01/2020	03/01/2025	APOGEE Energy Management System	03/30/2020

Contract Amendment Information

Transaction Type	Transaction Amount	Amended End Date	Description	Transaction Approved/Filed Date
Contract Amendment data is not currently available.				

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Vendor Name: SIEMENS INDUSTRY INC
Agency Name: State University of New York
Department/Facility Name: College at New Paltz
Contract Number: OC42022
Current Contract Amount: $365,953.90
Spending to Date: $0.00
Contract Type: Commodity - Security Devices

Contract Information

Transaction Type	Transaction Amount	Start Date	End Date	Description	Transaction Approved/Filed Date
Original Contract	$365,953.90	01/01/2024	12/31/2024	Building controls upgrade, 77201, 23150, PT68860	12/29/2023

Contract Amendment Information

Transaction Type	Transaction Amount	Amended End Date	Description	Transaction Approved/Filed Date
Contract Amendment data is not currently available.				

EDUCATING YOUR COMMUNITY ABOUT SIEMENS

Share this information and build solidarity! Talk to your friends!! Talk to people you know at other SUNY schools, and encourage them to investigate the contracts at their schools. Talk to your community, talk to your siblings, parents, and classmates.

SPREAD THE GUIDE

If you want more information about what's in here, the BDS movement as a whole, and how to boycott on campus check out the linktree.
https://linktr.ee/newpaltzstudentsforpalestine

CALL TO ACTION: BDS EDUCATION IN THE CLASSROOM

We're calling on YOU to reach your peers with this information by teaching about Siemens in your classes and clubs. Here are some tips for bringing your own Siemens teach-in to the classroom.

- If you trust your professor, you can ask before class for 5 minutes of class time to talk about Siemens. It could be helpful to suggest that your professor step out or arrive to class late while you are presenting this information so they can maintain plausible deniability.
- Have a list of notes before you start.feel free to structure them using our outline. It could be helpful to practice beforehand alone or with friends.
- Be prepared for potential conflict, and don't anticipate a professor stepping in if a conflict occurs.
- If you suspect potential academic retaliation from a professor or if you are being threatened, document it and report it. You are not doing anything illegal or against the rules. Any retaliation is discrimination and does not hold water. If you find yourself in a situation, reach out to @newpaltzstuentsforpalestine for help.

SIEMENS TEACH-IN OUTLINE

OVERVIEW AND CONTEXT OF PALESTINE

- You know your classmates best: give the information you think they will respond to. You can stress the numbers: Since October 7, over 33,000 Palestinian people have been killed. 62% of homes in Gaza have been destroyed. Four UN ceasefire resolutions have been blocked, three by the United States.

WHY IS SIEMENS ON THE BDS LIST?

WHAT DOES SIEMENS DO IN NEW PALTZ?

Pull from the guide as you see fit. If people have one takeaway, let it be this: **New Paltz pays a company which illegally monitors and incarcerates Palestinian People to surveil it's own students.**

WHAT OTHER INVESTMENTS DOES NEW PALTZ OR SUNY HAVE?

- Here, our practice run groups took the opportunity to stress the undisclosed 30 million dollars of New Paltz Foundation investments.

WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?

Invite your classmates to check out the research and education guides linked on the New Paltz students for Palestine account. Remind them of the power of spreading information.

ONE GUY'S EXPERIENCE DOING TEACH-INS

A volunteer tested this guide by using it to deliver a teach-in. Here is their experience.

On the day of my teach-in, I came in five minutes early to class and asked my professor if I could speak at the end for a couple minutes about an upcoming pro-Palestine action on campus. I knew they knew about the action and figured it would be the easiest way to explain myself.

At the end of class, I raised my hand and asked them if I could have time to share. They excused themself while I spoke. I stood at the front the classroom as if I was giving a presentation, and talked for about three minutes about Siemens. At the end of my teach-in, I promoted the upcoming action and the New Paltz students for Palestine Instagram. I was nervous, but my classmates were all receptive. Next time, I will practice ahead of time and invite questions at the end.

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